

Small Group Discussions

ELAC Meeting December 1, 2015

2016 Work Plan

1. Should the Work Plan include Family Engagement, including supports for family, friend and neighbor (FFN) caregivers?
2. If yes, what are your ideas for how to include family engagement?

All groups answered **YES** to question 1.

Group 1

- Create collaboration across agencies and community organizations to accomplish outreach to discover gaps and serve children not currently recognized in systems and data.
- Use partner agencies (DSHS) to learn more about FFN choices and how resources are provided (track funding). Make the transition point of “school readiness” a motivation for FFN providers. (#17)
- Learn about family engagement at Early Achievers Centers by gathering Family Engagement plans at providers.
- See 2010 WA Early Learning Plan Priorities and Strategies

Group 2

- What does family engagement look like in terms of childcare?
 - Parent-Caregiver conferences
 - Text Messages
 - Meeting parents where they’re at
 - Community forums
- Being intentional about inviting presenters to share experiences about family engagement and how we can support FFN .
- Update and sharing stories from families during first part of year.
 - This will help inform 2017 work plan and ELAC priorities.

Group 3

- Understanding of the data
 - What do we know?
 - What data is missing?
- Effective strategies/”best practices”
 - How to engage families that are not currently engaged.
- What are policy recommendations that could make a positive impact on family engagement?
- Identify effective practices from the field to highlight practice in context.
- Improve system to identify where children are so families can be supported.